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I understand that you are supporting the Irradiation
Bill #98N-1038.

Please STOP THIS BILL.

I have been researching health and nutrition for 27 years
and
find no compelling health reason for the irradiation of our
food.
In fact, it appears that irradiation of food kills all
bacteria, both
good and bad bacteria. Without certain bacteria, the body
will
no longer be able to digest food and/or operate properly.
There
have, in fact many long-term problems associated with
radiation.

During the 40's & 50's it was common practice for doctors to
"irradiate" their patients to get rid of growths and tumors
of
various types. Subsequent research has shown that the vast
majority of these people have died as a result of one type
of
cancer or another. (Most common were polyps in the nose)

While I'm quite sure there are "financial" considerations
for
this ungodly procedure, I KNOW that if we sacrifice our
health for finance, we will not be able to enjoy the profits

we/you/they receive because of failing health. If you
irradiate
all foods and do not give the public the information
required
(another cost factor) for each piece of food irradiated, for

how long, under what level of radiation, etc. then we
take from them one of the factors that has made America
great - choice. Americans MUST be able to choose
based upon full disclosure of the facts. The FDA is not
aware of all of the facts nor is anyone else. This is simply

playing "Russian Ruellette" with the health of the American
People. You MUST NOT and CAN NOT endanger the health
of our nation with this "profit" centered legislative
action.

It is amazing that you people would even consider bills like

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these if you have any concern whatsoever for your own spouses, children or parents and siblings. I can only believe that those who agree with these horrendous bills have no conscience or do not take time to research the information within your grasp. It is often too easy to just say OK than to take time to do the research that could save lives.

PLEASE STOP THIS BILL # 98N-1038 NOW

Patricia L. Butler
A very concerned citizen